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December Milk Production

In December 2009, Wisconsin milk production rose 4 percent to total 2.14 billion pounds. Milk per cow averaged 1,700 pounds, up 65 pounds from last year. There were 1.26 million milk cows in the state during December, 1,000 more than last month and 4,000 more than a year ago. As of January 1, 2010, Wisconsin had 12,929 licensed milk cow herds, down 1 from last month and down 519 from January 2009.

Total milk production in the 23 major states totaled 14.6 billion pounds in December. This was a decrease of 1 percent from the previous year. Production per cow rose to 1,758 pounds, 29 pounds more than last December. The number of milk cows in the major states totaled 8.31 million head, the same as last month and down 206,000 from last year.

Twelve of the 23 major milk producing states had higher milk production when compared with last December, while 10 states had lower production. Virginia's production was unchanged. Wisconsin had the largest gain in production. Minnesota also had strong growth, with a 3 percent rise in production. California's production fell by 5 percent.

Cow numbers continued to decrease in most states. Only Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin had more cows this December than last December. Michigan and Iowa had the same number of cows, while the remaining 18 states had fewer cows.

December Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro- duction % chnge 2009/08
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,255	1,259	1,635	1,700	2,052	2,140	+4
CA	1,840	1,764	1,870	1,860	3,441	3,281	-5
ID	554	550	1,820	1,840	1,008	1,012	n.c.
MI	354	354	1,850	1,895	655	671	+2
MN	467	469	1,605	1,650	750	774	+3
NM	335	318	1,975	2,015	662	641	-3
NY	625	610	1,640	1,675	1,025	1,022	n.c.
PA	548	538	1,580	1,620	866	872	+1
TX	430	411	1,715	1,795	737	738	n.c.
23-state total	8,519	8,313	1,729	1,758	14,728	14,614	-1

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	December 31, 2008	November 30, 2009	December 31, 2009	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	538,105	583,056	586,767	+9
Swiss	22,589	24,254	24,538	+9
Other natural	291,266	354,435	355,606	+22
Total	851,960	961,745	966,911	+13
BUTTER	118,962	142,661	133,663	+12
FROZEN				
Beef	492,637	430,913	429,715	-13
Pork	555,642	482,816	474,845	-15
Chicken	765,442	659,326	631,168	-18
Turkey	396,144	234,480	250,178	-37

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

NASS will publish county estimates for small grains, including wheat, barley and oats, on Friday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. ET.

NASS will publish county estimates for major row crops on Friday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. ET, with several exceptions. **Because of weather-related harvest delays, NASS will publish the county estimates for corn in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin on Friday, March 26.** The county estimates for corn in North Dakota and South Dakota will be published on a yet-to-be-determined date. For soybeans, NASS will publish the county estimates for Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia on Friday, March 26 at 3 p.m. ET.

Record High Beef Production for December

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.15 billion pounds in December, down slightly from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in December 2008.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, up 3 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,296 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.1 million pounds, 2 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 92,300 head, down 2 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from last year, at 240 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.99 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.83 million head, down 3 percent from December 2008. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was up 3 percent from December 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 235,300 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 136 pounds, up 2 pounds from December a year ago.

January to December 2009 commercial red meat production was 49.3 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

December 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Slaughter 1/, December 2009

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	147.9	+5	2,752.8	+3
Calves	2/	2/	92.3	-2
Hogs, all	40.2	-13	9,832.9	-3
Sheep and lambs	0.9	-31	235.3	+2

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



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Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	Dec. 2008	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan - Dec. 2/		Change from last year
				2008	2009	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,082	2,015	2,134	26,561	25,963	-2
Veal	13	12	13	143	138	-3
Pork	2,052	1,921	1,985	23,347	22,993	-2
Lamb & mutton	15	14	16	174	171	-2
Total red meat 3/	4,163	3963*	4,148	50,225	49,264	-2

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

2009 Fruit Summary

Apples

Wisconsin's apple production in 2009 was down 31 percent from 2008 totaling 43.5 million pounds, with 36.5 million pounds of utilized production. Bearing acres were down 500 acres to 4,200. Yields decreased 1,700 pounds per acre to 10,400. Prices dropped 25 percent to \$0.411 per pound in 2009. Total U.S. production increased 3 percent to 10.0 billion pounds and U.S. apple prices dropped from \$0.232 in 2008 to \$0.228 per pound in 2009. Weather varied throughout the 2009 growing season. Wisconsin growers experienced weather that was too cold, too dry, or too wet at various times throughout the season. Heavy rainfall in October affected local sales.

APPLES: Acreage, Yield, and Value, Selected States, 2009

State	Bearing acreage	Yield per acre 1/	Production		Price per pound	Value of utilized production
			Total	Utilized		
	Acres	Pounds	Million pounds		Dollars	1,000 dollars
WI	4,200	10,400	43.5	36.5	0.411	14,989
MI	38,500	31,200	1,200.0	1,100.0	0.113	124,600
NY	42,000	31,400	1,320.0	1,290.0	0.173	223,630
PA	21,000	23,100	485.0	459.0	0.172	78,856
WA	153,000	35,900	5,500.0	5,500.0	0.253	1,389,575
US	348,400	28,600	9,953.6	9,739.1	0.228	2,222,759

1/Yield is based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested, but not sold due to market conditions.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Strawberries

Wisconsin strawberry production totaled 47,000 hundred-weight (cwt.) in 2009, down 2,000 cwt. from the previous year. Farmers harvested 770 acres, a decrease of 30 acres from 2008. Yields remained the same, at 61 cwt. per acre. The average price rose 10 cents to \$1.55 per pound. Pick your own strawberries while pre-picked berries averaged \$1.25 per pound. Nationally, 58,080 acres of strawberries were harvested for a total production of 28.0 million cwt. The average U.S. price per pound was 75.8 cents.



STRAWBERRIES: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Selected States, 2009

State	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	Price per cwt.	Value of production
	Acres		Cwt.	1,000 cwt.	Dollars	1,000 dollars
WI	870	770	61	47	155.00	7,285
CA	39,800	39,800	625	24,856	69.40	1,725,232
FL	8,800	8,800	270	2,376	132.00	313,632
NC	1,600	1,500	130	195	105.00	20,475
OR	2,200	1,700	125	211	65.80	13,888
WA	1,500	1,500	95	143	58.30	8,338
US	59,520	58,080	482	28,013	75.80	2,123,735

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Cranberries

Wisconsin cranberry production for 2009 was down 13 percent from the 2008 record high, at 3.95 million barrels. Producers harvested 18,000 acres, an increase of 300 acres. Harvested acres were the highest on record. Yields decreased 15 percent to 219.4 barrels per acre, but were up from 2007. The 220,000 barrels sold on the fresh market brought a price of

\$77.70 per barrel. Prices for processing cranberries decreased \$1.80 to \$52.80 per barrel. Total U.S. production was down 14 percent to 6.90 million barrels. Wisconsin producers accounted for 57% of the U.S. crop in 2009. The average U.S. price for cranberries decreased \$5.40 to \$52.40 per barrel. The 2009 growing season was behind normal due to a late spring and a cool summer. July and August were unseasonably cool resulting in lack of berry size and poor color.

Tart Cherries

Wisconsin farmers began to recover from the devastating low in 2008 and harvested 10.9 million pounds of tart cherries in 2009, up 94 percent from 2008 and 5 percent from 2007. Yields were up 95 percent to 6,060 pounds per acre. Prices decreased from \$0.350 to \$0.208 per pound in 2009. Total U.S. production increased 39 percent to 352.9 million pounds, while yield was up 38 percent to 9,930 pounds per acre. An early frost hurt a few farms in Door County, but otherwise weather was favorable for the 2009 growing season.

CRANBERRIES: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, Selected States, 2009

State	Harvested	Yield per acre 1/	Production		Utilization		Value	
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Per barrel 2/	Total
	Acres		Barrels				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
WI	18,000	219.4	3,950,000	3,950,000	220,000	3,730,000	54.20	214,038
MA	13,000	138.7	1,803,000	1,803,000	83,000	1,720,000	48.80	88,056
NJ	3,100	179.0	555,000	555,000	-	555,000	55.60	30,858
OR	2,700	157.4	425,000	425,000	-	425,000	44.10	18,743
WA	1,700	95.3	162,000	162,000	28,000	134,000	59.80	9,680
US	38,500	179.1	6,895,000	6,895,000	331,000	6,564,000	52.40	361,375

1/Yield is based on total production. 2/Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

TART CHERRIES: Acreage, Yield, and Value, Selected States, 2009

State	Bearing acreage	Yield per acre 1/	Production		Price per pound			Value of production		
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	All	Fresh	Processed	All
	Acres	Pounds	Million pounds		Dollars			1,000 dollars		
WI	1,800	6,060	10.9	10.9	0.647	0.199	0.208	129	2,134	2,263
MI	26,000	10,000	260.0	242.0	0.800	0.165	0.166	400	39,805	40,205
NY	1,600	7,000	11.2	10.1	2/	2/	0.243	2/	2/	2,459
UT	3,300	14,200	47.0	34.0	2/	0.240	0.240	2/	8,160	8,160
WA	1,600	10,400	16.7	16.4	2/	2/	0.468	2/	2/	7,670
US	33,550	9,930	352.9	320.5	0.972	0.197	0.200	1,264	62,943	64,207

1/Yield is based on total production. 2/Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Vegetable Summary - 2009

Wisconsin remained in second place in the nation for both harvested acreage and total production of the major processing vegetables in 2009. The state moved from second into third place for value of production. California remained the number one state in all three categories and accounted for 69 percent of the total production of these vegetables.

Wisconsin maintained its number one ranking in production of processing snap beans. The state processed 43 percent of the nation's crop, with 353,290 tons in 2009. Harvested acres rose from 80,500 in 2008 to 81,700 in 2009. Nationally, snap bean production rose less than 1 percent mainly due to higher yields.

Wisconsin moved from second to third place in processing sweet corn in 2009, producing 666,630 tons. Harvested acres decreased by 1,900 to 85,700 acres. U.S. processing sweet corn production jumped 14 percent to 3.23 million tons.

Green pea production in Wisconsin in 2009 totaled 91,760 tons, up 21 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage rose by 700 to 40,800 acres,

while yield increased 18 percent, helping Wisconsin maintain its third place in production. Processing pea production in the U.S. grew by 7 percent to 441,580 tons.

Wisconsin slipped from fourth into fifth place in the nation for cucumbers for pickles, producing 36,920 tons. Yield rose 7 percent, but harvested acreage, at 6,300 acres, was 15 percent below last year. U.S. production, at 542,600 tons, was 4 percent lower than a year ago.

Carrots for processing production in Wisconsin increased 12 percent to 86,690 tons. There were 200 fewer acres harvested, but yield jumped 18 percent. Nationally, carrot production fell 18 percent to 329,440 tons.

Production for all three of the state's main fresh market vegetables increased in 2009. Fresh market cabbage production jumped 35 percent due to an increase in both acres harvested and yield per acre. Sweet corn for fresh market harvested acreage increased to 7,000 acres, while yield rose to 86 hundredweight (cwt.) per acre. As a result, production rose 11 percent. Onion production rose from 330,000 cwt. in 2008 to 980,000 cwt. in 2009. This was due to a 900 acre gain in harvested acreage and a 190 cwt. per acre rise in yield.

VEGETABLES: Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, 2009

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Value			
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Per Ton		Total	
									2008	2009	2008	2009
	Acres				Tons		Tons		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Wisconsin	Processing Vegetables											
Carrots	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,700	19.82	23.43	77,300	86,690	80.30	79.90	6,207	6,927
Cucumber	7,500	6,300	7,400	6,300	5.46	5.86	40,400	36,920	207.00	223.00	8,363	8,233
Green peas	40,700	41,400	40,100	40,800	1.90	2.25	76,060	91,760	266.00	271.00	20,222	24,847
Sweet corn	88,900	91,200	87,600	85,700	7.44	7.78	651,570	666,630	124.00	93.50	80,894	62,310
Snap beans	82,300	83,600	80,500	81,700	4.06	4.32	326,870	353,290	189.00	149.00	61,862	52,613
US												
Carrots	16,390	13,280	15,940	12,530	25.20	26.29	401,730	329,440	84.10	94.90	33,775	31,272
Cucumber	99,300	100,100	96,600	97,500	5.87	5.57	567,100	542,600	316.00	333.00	178,998	180,845
Green peas	216,100	213,450	209,700	205,350	1.96	2.15	411,780	441,580	360.00	319.00	148,052	140,679
Sweet corn	370,750	402,200	360,600	379,500	7.85	8.52	2,832,490	3,234,080	117.00	104.00	330,329	335,563
Snap beans	206,770	202,429	198,300	196,179	4.07	4.14	808,000	812,990	219.00	191.00	177,278	155,420
	Fresh Market Vegetables											
Wisconsin					Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars per cwt.			
Cabbage	3,100	3,200	3,100	3,200	230	300	713	960	14.00	16.20	9,982	15,552
Onions	1,900	2,000	1,100	2,000	300	490	330	980	14.20	10.10	4,331	8,969
Sweet corn	7,700	7,900	6,800	7,000	80	86	544	602	27.40	26.60	14,906	16,013
US												
Cabbage	69,500	69,200	65,760	65,500	373	345	24,516	22,623	14.70	15.30	355,065	341,440
Onions	160,590	157,410	153,490	148,560	489	505	75,120	74,970	12.50	12.20	872,113	843,570
Sweet corn	246,600	254,400	233,280	233,550	124	122	28,899	28,421	25.90	29.40	748,632	835,833

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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